

APPENDIX B

This appendix contains four charts about accuracy in several different religions. The charts are:

- Difficult Passages in the Koran
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Difficult Passages in the Koran

The following passages are taken from the *Koran*, translated by N. J. Dawood, Penguin Classics ©1974. Only a few passages from each subject area are given.

SUBJECT	QUOTE	LOCATION
Sky	He holds the sky from falling down.	Pilgrimage 22:65
Creation time	... created the earth in two days?	Revelations Well Expounded 41:9
Four or eight kinds of cattle	He has given you four different pairs of cattle.	Hordes 39:5
	He has given you eight kinds of livestock.	Cattle 6:143
Life from water	We made every living thing of water?	Prophets 21:30
Man's creation	... Allah ... has made you in gradual stages?	Noah 71:8–20
	Does man forget that we created him out of the void	Mary 19:67
	Did We not create you from an unworthy fluid, ...	Those That Are Sent Forth 77:8–27
	... created you from dust, from a little germ, ...	The Cave 18:35–39

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Man's creation	... unbelievers ... Of coarse clay We created them.	Ranks 37:1-18
	He (Allah) who created man from water and gave him kindred of blood and of marriage.	Al-Furqan 25:53-55
	We first created man from an essence of clay: then placed him, a living germ, in a safe enclosure. The germ we made a clot of blood and the clot a lump of flesh. This we fashioned into bones, then clothed the bones with flesh, thus bringing forth another creation.	The Believers 23:1-16
	We created man from dry clay, from black moulded loam, ...	Al-Hijr 15:21-31
Noah's sons	... Noah's son was drowned.	Houd 11:43
	"Noah prayed to Us and his prayers were graciously answered. We delivered him and all his tribe"	The Ranks 37:70-80
Suicide	If any one thinks that Allah will not give victory to His apostle in this world and in the world to come, let him tie a rope to the ceiling of his house and hang himself.	Pilgrimage 22:11-16
Violence	Those who avenge themselves when wronged incur no guilt	Counsel 42:42-43
	When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield strike off their heads	Mohammed 47:3-5

<p>“The Messiah, Jesus Son of Mary, was only a messenger of Allah, and His word which He conveyed to Mary, and spirit from Him. So believe Allah and His messengers, and say not Three’ Cease [it is] better for you! Allah is only one God. Far is it removed from His transcendent majesty that He should have a son” (Qur’an 4:171).</p>	<p>“Come near me and listen to this: ‘From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there.’ And now the Sovereign Lord has sent me, with his Spirit” (Isaiah 48:16). “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ...” (Colossians 2:9).</p>
<p>“It is not for any prophet to have captives until he hath made slaughter in the land” (Qur’an 8:67).</p>	<p>“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ... Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:14, 17, 21).</p>
<p>“Freedom from obligation [is proclaimed] from Allah and His messenger toward those of the idolaters with whom ye made a treaty” (Qur’an 9:1).</p>	<p>“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord’” (Matthew 5:33).</p>

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Violence	... retaliation is decreed for you in bloodshed:	The Cow 2:178
	Fighting is obligatory for you,	The Cow 2:216
	As for the man or woman who is guilty of theft, cut off their hands punish them for their crimes.	The Table 5:37–39
Polygamy	... restrain their carnal desire save with their wives and slave girls ... for these are lawful to them	The Ladders 70:22–29 The Believers 23:1–6
	... We have made lawful to you the wives to whom you have granted dowries and the slave girls whom Allah has given you as booty: the daughter of your paternal and maternal uncles and of your paternal and maternal aunts who fled with you; and the other women who gave themselves to you and whom you wish to take in marriage.	The Confederate Tribes 33:49–50
	If a man divorces his wife, he cannot remarry her until she has wedded another man and been divorced by him:	The Cow 2:230
	If you fear that you cannot treat orphans with fairness, then you may marry other women who seem good to you: two, three, or four of them.	Women 4:2–4

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Polygamy	You are also forbidden to take in marriage married women, except captives whom you own as slaves.	Women 4:24
Prostitution	You shall not force your slave-girls into prostitution ... If they wish to preserve their chastity.	Light 24:33–34
Women	As for those whom you fear disobedience, admonish them and send them to beds apart and beat them.	Women 4:34
	You may put off any of your wives you please and take to your bed any of them you please. Nor is it unlawful for you to receive any of those whom you have temporarily set aside ... It shall be unlawful for you to take more wives or to change your present wives for other women, though their beauty please you except where slave-girls are concerned.	The Confeder-ate Tribes 33:51–52
Miscellan- eous	We changed them (men who were wrongdoers) into detested apes.	The Heights 7:164-166
	... transforming them into apes and swine.	The Table 5:57–61
	He alone has knowledge of what is hidden: ... He sends down guardians who walk before them and behind them, that He may know if they have indeed delivered His messages.	The Jinn 72:25–28

Islam and Christianity Compared

by Lee Turner (a former missionary in Afghanistan) via *Pulpit Helps*, April 2001. The Bible references are from the New International Version.

“Any one who attacketh you, attack him in like manner as he attacked you” (Qur’an 2:194).	“But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also” (Matthew 5:39).
“...your almsgiving ... will atone for some of your ill-deeds” (Qur’an 2:271).	“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5).
“If ye avoid the great [things] which ye are forbidden, We will remit from you your evil deeds and make you enter at a noble gate” (Qur’an 4:31).	“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it” (James 2:10).
“Seek ye to guide whom Allah hath sent astray? ... if they turn back [to enmity] then take them and kill them wherever ye find them ...” (Qur’an 4:88–89).	“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance?” (Romans 2:4).

Basic Buddhism by Dalai Llama 6/01

1. The current universe has evolved through natural law.
2. Truth has been given through the ages by various Buddhas or enlightened ones.
3. Gautama Buddha, who lived 2,500 years ago, is the teacher of our era.
4. While salvation depends on individual effort, the Buddhist is to take refuge in the Buddha, his teaching (dharma) and the Buddhist community (sangha).
5. The Buddha taught Four Noble Truths:
 - a. Suffering is real;
 - b. Suffering is caused by selfish desire;
 - c. Suffering will cease when selfish desire is eliminated; and
 - d. Selfish desire will cease through following the Noble Eightfold Path.
6. The Noble Eightfold Path that leads to nirvana involves:
 - a. Right View,
 - b. Right Resolve,
 - c. Right Speech,
 - d. Right Action,
 - e. Right Livelihood,
 - f. Right Effort,
 - g. Right Mindfulness, and
 - h. Right Concentration.
7. All living things are subject to the law of karma, the principle of cause and effect, which controls the cycle of reincarnation.
8. The Buddhist is to abstain from killing, stealing, forbidden sex, lying, and the use of illicit drugs and liquor.
9. There is no God or Supreme Creator.
10. Buddhism is not irrational, pessimistic, or nihilistic.

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SUBJECT	QUOTE	LOCATION
Islam enemy of Christian- ity	The unbelievers among the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) and the pagans shall burn forever in the fire of Hell. They are the vilest of all creatures.	The Proof 98:6–7
	Those who say: ‘The Lord of Mercy has begotten a son,’ preach a monstrous falsehood . . .	Mary 19:88
	Jesus was no more than a mortal whom we favored and made an example to the Israelites . . .	Ornaments of Gold 43:1–11
	Make war on them (Christians and Jews) until idolatry is no more and Allah’s religion reigns supreme.	The Spoils 8:37–41
	When the sacred months are over slay the idolaters (Christians and Jews) wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them, and lie in ambush everywhere for them.	Repentance 9:4–7
	Believers, make war on the infidels (Christian and Jews) who dwell around you.	Repentance 9:122–125
	Unbelievers are those who declare Allah is the Messiah, the Son of Mary.	The Table 5:17
	Believers, take neither Jews nor Christians for your friends . . . whosoever of you seeks their friendship shall become one of their number.	The Table 5:50–51

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Islam enemy of Christian- ity	Make war	Repentance 9:14
Physical concept versus spiritual	This is the Paradise which the righteous have been promised. There shall flow in it rivers of unpolluted water, the rivers of milk forever fresh; rivers of delectable wine and rivers of clearest honey. They shall eat therein of every fruit and receive forgiveness from their Lord. Is this like the lot of those who shall abide in Hell forever and drink scalding water which will tear their bowels?	Mohammed 47:15
	As for the true servants of Allah, generous provisions shall be made for them: they shall feast on fruit and be honored in the gardens of delight. Reclining face to face upon soft couches, they shall be served with a goblet filled at a gushing fountain. Their drink shall neither dull their senses nor befuddle them. And by their side shall sit bashful, dark-eyed virgins as chaste as the sheltered eggs of ostriches. They will put questions to each other	The Ranks 37:40–56

Hindu Beliefs



The Hindu caste system as depicted by Gobi David, a dalit artist. From top: Brahmins; warriors and merchants; shudras and peasants; and untouchables

1. In a one, all-pervasive Supreme Being who is both immanent and transcendent, both Creator and Un-manifest Reality.
2. That the universe undergoes endless cycles of creation, preservation, and dissolution.
3. That all souls are evolving toward union with God and will ultimately find spiritual knowledge and liberation from the cycle of rebirth. Not a single soul will be eternally deprived of this destiny.
4. In karma, the law of cause and effect by which each individual creates his own destiny by his thoughts, words, and deeds.
5. That the soul reincarnates, evolving through many births until all karmas have been solved.
6. That divine beings exist in unseen inner worlds and that temple worship, rituals, and sacraments as well as personal devotionals create a communion with the devas and gods.
7. That a spiritually awakened Master is essential to know the Transcendent Absolute, as are personal discipline, good conduct, purification, self-inquiry, and meditation.
8. That all life is sacred and to be loved and revered, through the practice of non-violence.
9. That no particular religion teaches the only way to salvation above all others, but that all genuine religious paths are facets of God's Pure Love and Light, deserving tolerance and understanding.

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